

Those present:

Louis Linkel

Robert Brack

Thomas Wilson

Franklin County Auditor: Carol L. Monroe

\*Louis Linkel opens meeting with Pledge of Allegiance

- I. Buena Vista Missionary Baptist Church / June 2 from 5-7p.m. closing of Buena Street for festivities
  - a. Thomas Wilson motions to approve closing of street
  - b. Louis Linkel seconds the motion
  - c. Robert Brack – all in favor
- II. Minutes (May 15, 2006)
  - a. Louis Linkel motions to approve
  - b. Thomas Wilson seconds the motion
  - c. Robert Brack – all in favor
- III. Clerks Report (April 2006)
  - a. Thomas Wilson motion to accept
  - b. Robert Brack – seconds the motion
  - c. Louis Linkel – all in favor
- IV. Lease Agreement for Franklin County Park
  - a. Robert Brack – motions to acknowledge they signed the lease agreement for one year
  - b. Louis Linkel – seconds the motion
  - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
- V. Resolution 2006-17 (NIMS)
  - a. Louis Linkel motions to approve
  - b. Robert Brack – seconds the motion
  - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
- VI. Pen Production Agency Dept of Corrections / Pam Friend
  - a. Pam Friend – only part of government that doesn't take taxpayers dollars. We employ defenders inside our correction facilities. Around 23,000 (incarceration) today; 97% of those people will be back on the street in 5 years. People who are employed (while in) are more likely to stay out. Explains everything the prisoners do –from license plates to picnic tables to road signs (for INDOT). We are the best-kept secret. We bake bread we farm. We do joint ventures with private companies. We want you to know our story-we are here to do something for you. We would like to become one of your vendors. Because you are a government entity, we would not charge you to bring it down.
  - b. Robert Brack – do you teach them various jobs. Ex: bricklayer
  - c. Pam Friend – absolutely. We have building trades and just got into a partnership where they can get a certification. We've got to break the cycle. We might not get it done with this generation but maybe with their kids. Our mission is your safety and security and return productive citizens back into the community.
  - d. Robert Brack – impressed with going through Michigan City penitentiary. They were bricklayers, barbers, etc. Seen some of their work – it was incredible.
  - e. Pam Friend – they come to a job interview and you are responsible for getting up etc. and have to work just like the rest of us in this room. We run a joint venture with Jasper and they hire anyone who has worked in that shop.
  - f. Robert Brack – it is very worthwhile. Why hasn't this been advertised
  - g. Pam Friend – a change of philosophy with a change of administration
  - h. Robert Brack – you need to be on our bid list
  - i. Pam Friend – yes sir – we have a website or you can just call us.
  - j. Thomas Wilson – it is a good idea. Is there something our jail could use?
  - k. Pam Friend – yes – explains everything from milk to clothes to mattresses. We make some gorgeous furniture
  - l. Louis Linkel – I am interested in your operation
- VII. Payroll
  - a. Thomas Wilson – motions to accept
  - b. Robert Brack – seconds the motion
  - c. Louis Linkel – all in favor
- VIII. Yellow Bank Slab / Brent Robert, Butler Fairman & Seufert
  - a. Brent Roberts – prepared report and looked at factors. Results were not favorable for funding. Part of the process involves an accident data and traffic count. Went to sheriff department and got the accident reports with a total of 7 over the last 10 years. That information with traffic count in worked into the formula along with the estimated cost. What we ran into was a low traffic count with an expensive cost to fix the situation. Explains potential project. The problem is that there is no way to do it inexpensively. 30-year cost ratio is .1 to 1. The fact that one of those accidents was a fatality does not help the ratio. We can look at other mechanisms. The H.E.S. is a 90/10 and is obviously some of the best money you can get. We can look at some of the 80/20 funding. These aren't officially bridges. We have had some success (2 counties) in the past with getting this type of project done with bridge funding. (flip tape) what I would propose-if this is a high priority, get after INDOT and get a commitment to see if they would consider this as a bridge replacement project. You can only have 4 in bridge replacement at one time
  - b. George – may have one or two openings after a few go to construction
  - c. Brent Roberts – if you are thinking maybe not this cycle, it is worth moving forward. More than willing to pursue this on your behalf.

- d. John Estridge – questions amount of project
- e. Brent Roberts – about one million dollars. As far as the hazard elimination study – this will not hunt.
- f. Louis Linkel – all of us feel this is a good project
- g. Brent Roberts – hopefully we will get something
- h. Thomas Wilson – the problem is we have so many worthwhile projects.
- i. Louis Linkel – we would have to eliminate two (low water crossings) with this.
- IX. Weekly highway engineer report, George Hartman
  - a. H.E.S.
    - i. In contact with Laurie Johnson
    - ii. see letter
  - b. Springfield Road / BA-2702
    - i. See photo handout
  - c. Bridge #38 / St. Mary's over Wolf Creek
    - i. See photo
    - ii. Louis Linkel – needs to be done and will raise weight limit
  - d. Bridge #48 / Alley Ford Bridge
    - i. See letter to Mr. Tally
    - ii. Should be able to move forward fairly quickly
  - e. Equipment Marketing Co.
    - i. See letter regarding equipment
    - ii. Thomas Wilson – Decatur co has one and it works pretty good.
- X. Mike Brunner Engineering
  - a. Mike Brunner – one-person consulting firm. 28 years of experience and in the last 5 years have been doing work on the side. Starting my own business. Marketing in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. Asking to be considered for future bidding. Could probably design for ½ of what a typical engineer could design for. Could do roadways, sewers, bridges, bridge inspections.
  - b. Louis Linkel – thanks mike for coming in.
  - c. George – INDOT is working with counties and they are going to have a very specific qualifications process. Maybe on local projects maybe there could be some advantages on that.
  - d. Brent Roberts – you do have a selection process. Price is good but you get what you paid for. Best to focus in on the firm itself.
- XI. Adjourn
  - a. Louis Linkel – motion to adjourn
  - b. Robert Brack – seconds the motion
  - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor

Those also present:

Susan Jones, Secretary  
 Pam Friend, DOC  
 George Hartman, Engineer

John Estridge, Whitewater Publications  
 Jessica Bunyard, News Examiner

Eric Roberts  
 Brent Roberts

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